



## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



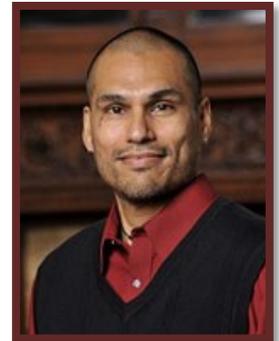
On January 14, 2015, TMSL was delighted to host its third scholar-in-residence this academic year - **Professor A. Benjamin Spencer**, of the University of Virginia School of Law and a member of the Multi-State Bar Committee for Federal Civil Procedure. During his visit, Professor Spencer gave a talk entitled *Federal Civil Procedure and Declining Access to Justice*, co-taught a federal civil procedure class on personal jurisdiction with **Professor Craig Jackson**, and led a 3L multi-state bar review session on federal civil procedure that gave students an inside peek into the topics tested. This year is the first year that civil procedure will be tested on the multi-state bar exam. Professor Spencer is also a member of the American Law Institute, a proud graduate of Morehouse College, and was an articles editor on the *Harvard Law Review*.

On January 21, 2015, **Assistant Dean of Academic Support Marsha Griggs** gave a talk to the faculty entitled *Breaking Rank: Is Law School Curriculum a Better Predictor of Bar Passage than Race, Rank and LSAT Score?* as part of the 2014-15 TMSL Faculty Series.



On January 28, 2015, **Anthony Paul Farley, Visiting Andrew Jefferson Chair in Trial Advocacy, and the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc.** gave a joint talk on the *U.S. Criminal Justice System and Urban Communities* as part of the 2014-15 TMSL Faculty Series.

**SpearIt** is featured on News-Fix with a video story entitled *Thurgood Marshall School of Law: Catch the "SpearIt" of Law*. The video can be accessed at <http://www.chron.com/jobs/getting-ahead/article/TSU-S-Thurgood-Marshall-School-of-Law-continues-5804814.php>



In response to the tragic events in Paris this month, **SpearIt** also accepted an offer from The Conversation, a news and analysis platform for academic that obtains two million visits per month, to write a piece on Islamic radicalization in France. SpearIt's final piece is entitled *Prison, Muslim Memory and the Making of a Terrorist* and can be accessed at <https://theconversation.com/prisons-muslim-memory-and-the-making-of-a-terrorist-36091> Additionally, **SpearIt's** piece, *Experiential Education and the Law School Experience*, was published in the Fall 2014 edition of The Law Teacher and is available on page 52 at <http://lawteaching.org/lawteacher/2014fall/lawteacher2014fall.pdf>



**Professor Weeden** accepted an offer from The George Mason University Civil Rights Law Journal (CRLJ) to publish his article entitled *Good Public Policy Occurs Under Plyler When In-State College Tuition Rates Are Awarded to Undocumented Bona Fide Resident Immigrants*". In the article Professor Weeden contends that governmental classifications, based on undocumented immigration status, creates a substantial denial of an equal higher educational opportunity to potential college students living in the same state since early childhood. This denial of educational opportunity places a virtual death sentence on access to equal employment and economic opportunities in violation of their equal protection rights.



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**Danye Holley**, Dean of Thurgood Marshall School of Law and his daughter **Danielle Holley-Walker**, Dean of Howard University School of Law were featured in the Texas Lawyer article “Familiar Foot-steps: One Family,

Two Law School Deans.” The article gives an in-depth look into the lives of both Deans, and illustrates how the rich academic experiences of both parents influenced Dean Holley-Walker’s chosen career path. The Deans appreciate the ability to consult with one another facing similar challenges and opportunities. The article further notes that at no other time has there been a father and daughter serving as Deans of law schools at the same time. To view the entire article go to <http://www.texaslawyer.com/id=1202713835857/#.VK08HmY3zgo.mailto>

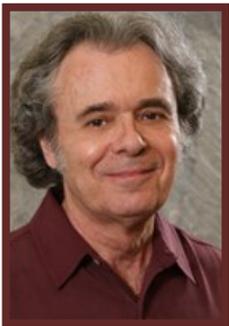
**Executive Director Docia Rudley** received the Verna Lee Booker Hightower Award as a Woman of Excellence on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the Black Heritage Committee Annual Western Gala.



On January 27, 2015 **Distinguished Professor James M. Douglas** spoke at the Black Men Rise: Fighting Crime from the Inside Out-A Conference on Black on Black Crime and Violence hosted at Texas Southern University, Sawyer Auditorium.

### The Return of Professor Deana Pollard Sacks

Please join the faculty, staff and students of TMSL in welcoming back Distinguished Professor Deana Pollard Sacks! This semester Professor Pollard Sacks is teaching Real Estate Transactions and Law Practice Management.



**Professor Thomas Kleven** presented his book *Equitable Sharing* on a panel entitled *Equitable Sharing* at the ClassCrits Conference held at UC Davis Law School on November 14, 2014.

